

people of the United States: *Provided*, That not more than 75 per centum of the cost of any specific investigation shall be borne by the United States.

Proviso.
Proportion of cost to be borne by United States.

(b) All provisions of existing law relating to examinations and surveys and to works of improvement of rivers and harbors shall apply, insofar as practicable, to examinations and surveys and to works of improvement relating to shore protection; except that all projects having to do with shore protection shall be referred for consideration and recommendation to the Beach Erosion Board instead of to the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors.

Application of existing laws, etc.

Exception.

SEC. 3. The Beach Erosion Board, in making its report on any work or project relating to shore protection shall, in addition to any other matters upon which it may be required to report, state its opinion as to (a) the advisability of adopting the project, (b) what Federal interest, if any, is involved in the proposed improvement, and (c) what share of the expense, if any, should be borne by the United States.

Report by Board; recommendations.

SEC. 4. Any expenses incident and necessary in the undertaking of the investigations and studies authorized herein may be paid from funds hitherto or hereafter appropriated for examinations, surveys, and contingencies for rivers and harbors.

Expenses.

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[CHAPTER 850.]

JOINT RESOLUTION

To provide for an inquiry by the Court of Claims with respect to losses sustained by cooperative marketing associations in connection with stabilization activities in grain.

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[Pub. Res., No. 134.]

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Court of Claims, in accordance with such rules as it may adopt, shall investigate losses sustained during the stabilization operations of the Federal Farm Board in 1929 and 1930, by cooperative associations to which loans were made, either directly or indirectly, by the Federal Farm Board, through withholding grain from the market and making advances to their members in order to stabilize prices, for the purpose of determining—

Cooperative marketing associations.
Court of Claims to investigate losses sustained by, due to certain grain stabilization activities.

(1) The amount of loss, if any, in the case of each such association and the facts and circumstances relating to such loss; and

Scope of inquiry, etc.

(2) Whether, because of any agreement or understanding between such associations, or any of them, and the Federal Farm Board (or any member, officer, or employee thereof) or because of any other facts or circumstances, there is any legal, equitable, or moral obligation on the part of the United States to reimburse such associations, or any of them, for the whole or any part of any such loss.

The court shall report to Congress, at the earliest practicable date, the results of its investigation and determinations, together with such recommendations as it deems appropriate.

Report to Congress.

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